

INTRODUCTION:

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claim 5 is objected to.

PRIORITY:

The Examiner notes that the Applicant has not filed a certified copy of Korean application 2002-07401. Applicant submits that priority is not based upon this reference. Priority is based on KR 2002-37461, which was submitted on June 30, 2003. Thus, it is submitted that no further submission of priority documents is required.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jackson

Independent claim 1 recites a holder, the shaft of the pinch roller being rotatably supported on the holder. The Examiner relies upon the leaf springs 188 of Jackson as corresponding to the claimed holder. However, the pinch wheels 180 are not supported on the leaf springs 188. Instead, the leaf springs 188 are above the axle 182 which passes through the pinch wheels 180. Furthermore, the leaf springs 188 do not even contact the pinch wheels 180.

Jackson, FIGS. 2-3.

Independent claim 1 further recites a ground member to ground the pinch roller to the frame. The Examiner relies upon the pinch finger 191 of Jackson as corresponding to the claimed ground member, and element 186 of the reference as corresponding to the claimed frame. However, element 186 is a rearward portion of spring plate 184, which forms the pinch finger 191. Jackson, col. 5, ln. 18-31. Thus, the rearward portion 186 is a portion of the pinch finger 191 itself, and therefore does not ground the pinch finger 191 to a frame. Furthermore, as discussed above, the leaf springs 188 do not correspond to the claimed holder, and thus, the rearward portion 186 does not correspond to the frame, as asserted by the Examiner. Thus, the frame is not grounded. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the frame is not shown.

Claim 4 recites that the ground member is a torsion spring that is disposed around the frame. The Examiner asserts that column 5, lines 19-26 of the reference disclose this feature. Office Action, page 3. However, the pinch finger 191 is not disposed 'around' the frame. Instead, the pinch finger 191 extends from the spring plate 184.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

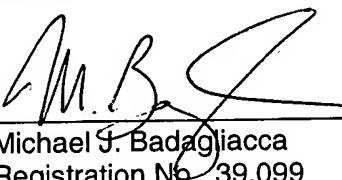
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